

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 08/04/2022 at 10:00 AM

Attendees

- Jeremy Turner (Associate Superintendent), Melissa Andrewjeski (Superintendent), Alexandra Stevenson (AA3), Madison Murphy (CPPC), William Copland (Family Services Specialist)
- Gwen McIlveen, Mary Mansour, Kazuko Fowler, Loren Taylor, Miriam Fry, Linda Dawson, Elizabeth Deleon, Lisa Rogers

Weekly Update

This week on Tuesday and Wednesday, we completed rapid tests on the entire population. We finished testing this morning with 1 unit. On Tuesday there were 14 positives and on Wednesday we had 3 positives. Sage unit continues to be clean and we have not had any positive results from them. Currently we have about 40 individuals in isolation. Individuals who have tested positive are starting to be recovered. The new 7 day isolation has been very helpful and has allowed them to go back to their units faster. The problem we are facing currently is about 60-70% of individuals are refusing to test. It does create a variable on whether we can truly tell how many positives are out in the facility. Next week we will PCR test the population in hopes we receive results on Thursday or Friday.

Pre-Submitted Questions

There were no pre-submitted questions.

Additional Questions

Question 1

What is happening with visitation? Specifically, with EFVs?

Answer

We cannot say exactly when visitation and EFVs will resume. It will be dependent on the need to continue testing the individuals and the number of staff positives.

Question 2

How has the protocol changed for testing?

Answer

For the individuals who have tested positive they go to isolation for 7 days and then have to pass a rapid test to go back to their normal bed assignment. All of the population will be tested every seven days until they are no longer positive. We are working through the challenges of having individuals refusing to test. Refusals will cause a 20 day quarantine from the last positive case off their pod.

Question 3

Would the new cases get their test results of whether they are negative or positive?

Answer

They are supposed to, but I cannot tell you how quickly they are getting their results back. There may be a bit of a delay due to some of the issues medical is having with staffing.

Question 4

Is there an update for the guys who have moved from F unit to C unit and did not get their store?

Answer

I am working to find out what is happening and how we can prevent it from happening again in the future. They are receiving their store Wednesday 8/10.

Question 5

I want everyone to know there are problems with the video visits for when people move, just want to make sure everyone is aware of it.

Answer

With JPAY, it often takes about 24 hours for the system to recognize moves have occurred.

Question 6

The individuals who tested positive and are moved back, do they still need to test?

Answer

They are not tested for 60 days. Days 60-90 they are Rapid Antigen tested only. After day 90 they resume PCR testing if needed.

Question 7

I am told there is a shortage for the KOP and there are guys who are in Camas who are not getting their KOPs. They were also dated for July 27th and I do not understand why they are going without.

Answer

I have not heard anything on this, and I know medical is short staffed, but KOPs should take priority. Medical personnel stated some medications are on backorder or delayed due to Transportation/supply chain issue. Medical leadership is looking into these issues to mitigate delay.

Question 8

Are dental and medical appointments still happening?

Answer

When there are emergencies or something that can not be skipped, yes. However, we are asking medical to go to the units to conduct as many appointments as possible.

Question 9

If an individual refuses a test, then are they going to get infracted?

Answer

No, it is a medical thing and individuals have the right to refuse. However, if they are sick, we may move them as a precaution.

Question 10

What happens if individuals test negative for COVID, but have symptoms?

Answer

If it is a cold, nothing. However, prior to COVID we used to treat the flu very similar but on a smaller scale. We do not have the space to really move a lot of people, but we would find space for them.

Comments/Closing

- Please continue to send questions you would like to have answered to Melissa Andrewjeski, Jeremy Turner and Alexandra Stevenson.